

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party Record of Actions

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 29 August 2023, commencing at 1.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, Councillor Geoff Crawford
Councillor Jack Caw
Councillor John Blackwell
Councillor Marty Robinson
TTMAC Representative, Michelle Elboz
TTMAC Representative, Mira Norris
TTMAC Representative, Nyze Manuel
TTMAC Representative, Niki Conrad

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – Don McKenzie
Pou Tiaki Taiao – Ruben Wylie
Biosecurity Manager Incursions and Response – Nicky Fitzgibbon
Biosecurity Partnerships Manager – Dai Morgan
Biosecurity Weeds and Freshwater Manager – Joanna Barr
Biosecurity Predator Free Manager – Sam Johnson
Biosecurity Marine Manager – Kaeden Leonard
Kaiwhakahaere Moana Ora – Nicola Hartwell
Biodiversity Manager – Lisa Forester
Strategic Policy Specialist Planning and Policy – Justin Murfitt
Policy Specialist Biodiversity Planning and Policy – James Griffin
Policy Planner Planning and Policy – Ingrid Kuindersma

The meeting commenced at 1pm.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

There were no apologies.

Record of Actions – 2 May 2023 (Item 4.1)

Presented by: Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao

Agreed action points:

- Working Party members agreed that the record of actions was an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

Presented by: Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao

Agreed action points:

- Action sheet updates were read and noted.
- Actions marked complete will be removed from the action sheet for the next meeting.

National Policy Statement - Indigenous Biodiversity and Biodiversity Credits Update (Item 4.3)

Presented by: James Griffin, Policy Specialist

Recommendations:

1. That the Biodiversity Working party endorse staff to prepare a submission in support of the biodiversity credit system (Option 1).

Agreed action points:

- Recommendations were supported.

Wild Deer Eradication Update (Item 4.4)

Presented by: Nicky Fitzgibbon, Biosecurity Manager - Incursions and Response

Recommendations:

1. That the Biodiversity and Biosecurity Working Party note the information provided in the report.
2. That staff bring a further progress report to a future Working Party meeting

Agreed action points:

- Recommendations supported by the Working Party Members
- Nicky Fitzgibbon to discuss attendance at the Northland Conservation Board with Nyze Manuel.

Fishing Controls Update (Item 4.5)

Presented by: Nicola Hartwell, Kaiwhakahaere Moana Ora, and Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao - GM Biosecurity

Recommendations:

1. That the working party support the intention of staff to continue working with hapū to progress formalising governance and operational matters.
2. Seek funding in the Long-Term Plan in the sum of \$350,000 per annum.
3. Prepare signage, communications, engagement and educational tools for the summer period commencing Labour Weekend.
4. Staff to report on further progress to a future Working Party meeting.

Agreed action points:

- Recommendations supported by the Working Party Members

Secretarial Note: Nicola Hartwell has now been appointed to the Kaiwhakahaere Moana Ora

Update on Caulerpa (Item 4.6)

Presented by: Kaeden Leonard, Biosecurity Manager – Marine and Don McKenzie, Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity

Recommendations:

1. That the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party note the contents of the report.
2. That staff bring a progress update to a future working party meeting.

Agreed action points:

- Recommendations supported by the Working Party Members
- That staff bring a progress update to a future Working Party meeting, including the cost of NRC's involvement from the outset and dredging.

Regional Pest Management Review (Item 4.7)

Presented by: Dai Morgan, Biosecurity Manager – Partnerships

Recommendations:

1. That the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party note the contents of the report.
2. That the working party support a six- month delay in engaging policy support required to initiate the review so that staff can focus on Caulerpa and the fishing controls project

Agreed action points:

- Recommendations supported by the Working Party Members
- That the Working Party support a six- month delay in engaging policy support required to initiate the review so that staff can focus on Caulerpa and the fishing controls project. This was supported by the Working Party.

Predator Free 2050 Verbal Update (Item 4.8)

Presented by: Sam Johnson, Biosecurity Predator Free Manager

Agreed action points:

- That the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party note that a progress report will be presented at a future Working Party meeting.

Any Other Business (Item 4.9)

Agreed action points:

- That the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party note that today's presentations will be shared on the BigTin Can and made available on request.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.55 pm.